

Re: Microsoft and CableLabs Enable HD Programming on Windows PCs

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Or, by then, they will have hopped onto a more manageable platform like AAC3 (the same technology used for Managed Copies in HD DVD). There are standards and protocols in the works to make it a lot more usable that will fit in to the Vista time frame..

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"Bob [MVP]" <bob@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> Sure, it would be great. But don't get your hopes up.

> The premium content providers such as HBO will have the

> CopyNever flag set for VoD, so you won't be able to record

> it.

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> I believe they already do that now.

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> -Bob

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> Microsoft MVP

> Windows XP Media Center Edition

> <http://www.microsoft.com/ehome>

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>>> message: news:O0egAIv6FHA.1248@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> Microsoft and CableLabs Enable HD Programming on Windows PCs
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>>> Future Versions of Media Center PCs to Receive Digital Cable Programming
>>> (November 16, 2005)
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>>> Microsoft Corp. and Cable Television Laboratories Inc. announced they
>>> have reached an agreement that will allow Microsoft and PC manufacturers
>>> to bring to market digital-cable-ready Windows(R) Media Center-based PCs
>>> in the holiday 2006 time frame.
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>>> These Media Center PCs, capable of supporting a CableCARD module, will
>>> allow consumers to enjoy one-way cable programming, including premium
>>> high-definition cable content, on their personal computer and throughout
>>> the home on compliant network-connected devices, such as Xbox 360, while
>>> protecting cable operators' investments in high-value content in a
>>> digital environment. Microsoft is working closely with CableLabs to
>>> document final approval of Windows Media(R) Digital Rights Management
>>> (DRM) as a content protection technology for OpenCable(TM) products that
>>> receive one-way cable content under the terms of this agreement.
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>>> The agreement is the culmination of more than two years of extensive
>>> evaluation and technical reviews performed by the two entities under the
>>> CableLabs OpenCable process to develop specifications and test suites
>>> for the new solution.
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>>> The specified OpenCable architecture allows for multiple DRM systems to
>>> be used in the device and ensures content providers of protected
>>> delivery of content to the PC. Microsoft(R) Windows Media Digital Rights
>>> Management is the first major DRM system to complete the due diligence
>>> necessary for approval by CableLabs.
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>>> The OpenCable project will continue to play an important role as the new
>>> agreement moves forward, allowing the cable industry to work closely
>>> with the consumer electronics and IT industries to innovate rapidly on
>>> the new specifications developed by Microsoft and CableLabs.
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>>> CableLabs will host interoperability events to enable vendors working on
>>> products based on these specifications to test products in CableLabs
>>> facilities and conduct more formalized certification testing. More
>>> information about the OpenCable project is available at
>>> <http://www.opencable.com>.
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>>> Media Center PCs deliver advanced computing and easy-to-use integrated
>>> digital entertainment experiences. To date, Microsoft has sold more than
>>> 4 million Windows XP Media Center Edition licenses, and more than 130 PC
>>> manufacturers are offering Media Center PCs around the world. The cable
>>> industry supports more than 370 models of digital televisions
>>> manufactured by 22 companies that display one-way cable content via
>>> CableCARDs.
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>>> About CableLabs
>>> Founded in 1988 by members of the cable television industry, Cable
>>> Television Laboratories Inc. (CableLabs) is a non-profit research and
>>> development consortium that is dedicated to pursuing new cable
>>> telecommunications technologies and to helping its cable operator
>>> members integrate those technical advancements into their business
>>> objectives.
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>>> About Microsoft
>>> Founded in 1975, Microsoft (Nasdaq "MSFT") is the worldwide leader in
>>> software, services and solutions that help people and businesses realize
>>> their full potential.
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